GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN FOR SC/ ST/ OBC
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have been implementing various schemes and programmes under Special Component Plan (SCP)and TSP for achieving overall development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes those living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes/programmes formulated/being implemented by the Ministry of Information Technology under SCP and TSP specifying nature, scope and target groups thereof;

(c) the amount of funds requisitioned and procured by his Ministry during VIIIthand Ninth Five Year Plans for such schemes/programmes;

(d) the quantified benefits and targets achieved in this regard;and

(e) the other schemes/programme being implemented by the IT Ministry for providing employment opportunities for the educated unemployed SC/ST youth suchas establishment of Internet Cafe, IT, Data Processing Centres etc. through State sponsored/aided programmes and schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYAND COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): Ministry of Information Technology is a scientific Ministry and does not have any specific scheme which directly benefit the Scheduled Castes/Tribes. However, the Ministry has formulated an employment generation programme for the benefit of SC/STs, Backward Regions and North-Eastern StatesAlso, Ministry`s Institutions/Societieslike DOEACC, Centrefor Electronics Design and Technology of India (CEDTI), Electronics Research & Development Centre of India (ER&DCI),Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), National Centre for Software Technology (NCST) run IT/Computer courses which are open to SC/STs also.